

Who Plants a Tree



WHO PLANTS A TREE
Give fools their gold, and knaves
their power;
Let fortune's bubbles rise and
fall;
Who sows a field, or trains a flower,
Or plants a tree, is more than all.
—JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

THE TREE PLANTER
He who plants a tree,
He plants love;
Tents of coolness spreading out
above.
Heaven and earth help him who
plants a tree,
And his work its own reward shall be.

JOHNNY APPLESEED
He shambled to the pearly gate—
"Crazy" was his earthly meed;
The gate St. Peter opened straight:
"Welcome, Johnny Applesseed!"
—JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

THESE THINGS HE PLANTS
What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants the friend of sun and sky;
He plants the flag of breezes free;
The shaft of beauty, towering high;
He plants a home to heaven anigh
For song a mother-croon of bird
In hushed and happy twilight heard,
The treble of heaven's harmony—
These things he plants who plants a tree.

What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants cool shade and tender rain,
And seed and bud of days to be,
And years that fade and flush again;
He plants the glory of the plain;
He plants the forest's heritage;
The harvest of a coming age;
The joy that unborn eyes shall see—
These things he plants who plants a tree.

What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants, in sap and leaf and wood,
In love of home and loyalty
And far-cast thought of civic good,
His blessing on the neighborhood
Who in the hollow of his hand
Holds all the growth of all our land.
A nation's growth from sea to sea
Stirs in his heart who plants a tree.

TEACHINGS OF THE TREES
What is the wisdom taught of the trees?
Something of energy, something of ease;
Steadfastness rooted in passionless peace.
Life-giving verdure to upland and glen;
Graces—compelling the praises of men;
Freedom that bends to the eagle and wren.
Largess—expanding in ripeness and size;
Shadow that shelters the foolish and wise;
Patience that bows 'neath all winds of the skies.

Uprightness—standing for truth like a tower;
Dignity—symbol of honor and power;
Beauty that blooms in the ultimate flower!
—STEPHEN HENRY THAYER

THE MOUNTAINSIDE TRAIL
It's makers have vanished,
The Trail's mostly banished—
Encroaching the highway, devouring the rail—
Soon only in story
Will be its wild glory—
Yes, only in story the Mountainside Trail.
—JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

LEETLE LAC GRENIER
Little Lac Grenier, she's all alone,
Back on de mountain dero,
But de pine tree an' spruce stan' ev'rywhere
Along by de shore, an' make her warm
For dey kip off de win' an' de winter storm.
—WILLIAM HENRY DRUMMOND

SHADE
The kindest thing God ever made,
His hand of very healing laid
Upon a fevered world, is shade.

His glorious company of trees
Throw out their mantles, and on these
The dust-stained wanderer finds ease.

Green temples, closed against the heat
Of noontime's blinding glare and heat,
Open to any pilgrim's feet.

The white road blisters in the sun;
Now, half the weary journey done,
Enter and rest, O weary one!

And feel the dew of dawn still wet
Beneath thy feet, and so forget
The burning highway's ache and fret.

This is God's hospitality,
And whoso rests beneath a tree
Hath cause to thank him gratefully.

—THEODOBIA GARRISON

PROSPECTIN'
Up the mountain and through the burn
We climbed. An' 'mongst the brush an' fern,
An' old man drove his maddock home,
An' slapped a tree in the gapin' loam.
"Mornin', Father, what's the game?"
"Plantin' trees," the answer came.
"You don't 'spect to live to see
The strandin' timber do ye, say?"
He looked reflectin', down the hill:
"Wall, no. But, thunder, some 'un will."
—J. R. SIMMONS

PLANT A TREE
If when I am gone
Thou wouldst honor me,
Then plant a tree,
Some highway, bleak and bare,
Make green with leaves.
So radiant and fair
And full of leaves, my monument will be,
So ever full of tuneful melody.
My monument will be
A sight most rare—
Trees planted everywhere,
A highway broad from city to the sea.
Plant this in memory of me.
—DAVID H. WRIGHT

WE DIE, WE DIE
Listen! The great trees call to each other:
"It is come our time to die, my brother."
And through the forest, wailing and moaning,
The hearts of the pines in their branches groaning:
"We die, we die."
—ANNE McQUEEN

BALSAM
Pillowed on my breast, be sure
You shall find for care a cure!
Charm and comfort, cheer and calm,
Balsam's blessing, bliss and balm.
—FRANK DEMPSTER SHERMAN

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